

IN THE CLAIMS:

Kindly amend the claims as follows:

1. (Previously Presented) A snow guard assembly for attachment to a roof having layered shingles covering an underlying roof structure, comprising:

an attachment strap for inserting between layers of shingles, said attachment strap having an apparatus for securing said attachment strap to said underlying roof structure;

a mounting bracket detachably connected by threaded fasteners to said attachment strap proximate to one end thereof; and

a snow retention member detachably connected to said mounting bracket by a threaded locking fastener inserted through a hole in said attachment strap, said locking fastener passing through said mounting bracket to engage said snow retention member, said snow retention member having a body portion that extends on opposing sides of said mounting bracket.

2. (Original Claim) The snow guard assembly of Claim 1 wherein said mounting bracket has a top surface formed with an attachment receptacle for receiving said snow retention member.

3. (Original Claim) The snow guard assembly of Claim 2 wherein said attachment receptacle is formed with a wedging edge to correspond to a beveled edge of said snow retention member.

4. (Original Claim) The snow guard assembly of Claim 3 wherein said snow retention member comprises:

a base member having said beveled edge on one side thereof;

a body member supported by said base member to extend above and laterally to both sides of said base member; and

a brace member interconnecting said base member and said body member to resist loads imposed on said body member.

5. (Original Claim) The snow guard assembly of Claim 4 wherein said base member is also formed with a generally vertical edge opposite said beveled edge, said attachment receptacle being formed with a corresponding generally vertical edge.

Claims 6 and 7 (Canceled).

8. (Previously Presented) The snow guard assembly of Claim 5 wherein said locking fastener interengages said attachment strap and said base member, passing through an opening extending through said mounting bracket.

9. (Currently Amended) A snow retention member mountable on a corresponding mounting member for attachment to a roof structure, comprising:

a base member having a beveled edge on one side thereof, said beveled edge corresponding to a wedging edge in an attachment receptacle formed as part of the mounting member to trap said base member into said attachment receptacle;

a body member supported by said base member to extend above and laterally to both sides of said base member; and

a brace member interconnecting said base member and said body member to resist loads imposed on said body member, said brace member extending both in front of and in rear of said body member.

Claim 10 (Canceled).

11. (Currently Amended) The snow retention member of ~~Claim 10~~ Claim 9 wherein said base member is formed with a threaded opening extending generally vertically into said brace member, a locking fastener being interengagable between said mounting member and said threaded opening in said base member to detachable affix said base member in said attachment receptacle.

12. (Currently Amended) The snow retention member of ~~Claim 10~~ Claim 9 wherein said body member is integrally formed with said brace member and said base member, said body member being oriented on said base member at a non-perpendicular orientation.

Claim 13 (Canceled).

14. (Currently Amended) In a snow guard assembly for attachment to a roof having layered shingles covering an underlying roof structure, said snow guard assembly including an attachment strap for inserting between layers of shingles, said attachment strap having an apparatus for securing said attachment strap to said underlying roof structure, the improvement comprising:

a mounting bracket detachably connected to said attachment strap proximate to one end thereof; and

a snow retention member detachably connected to said mounting bracket, said snow retention member having a base member ~~having said beveled~~ formed with a beveled edge on one side thereof and a body member supported by said base member to extend above and laterally to both sides of said base member, said mounting bracket having a top surface formed with an attachment receptacle for receiving said snow retention member, said attachment receptacle being formed with a wedging edge to correspond to said beveled edge of said base member.

15. (Previously Presented) The snow guard assembly of Claim 14 wherein said snow retention member further includes:

a brace member interconnecting said base member and said body member to resist loads imposed on said body member.

Claim 16 (Canceled).

17. (Previously Presented) The snow guard assembly of Claim 15 further comprises:

a locking fastener interengaging said base member and said mounting bracket to secure said snow retention member to said mounting bracket within said attachment receptacle; and

a pair of fasteners interconnecting said attachment strap and said mounting bracket for detachably connecting said mounting bracket to said attachment strap.

18. (Original Claim) The snow guard assembly of Claim 17 wherein said locking fastener interengages said attachment strap and said base member, passing through an opening extending through said mounting bracket.

19. (Original Claim) The snow guard assembly of Claim 17 wherein said base member is formed with a threaded opening extending generally vertically into said brace member, said locking fastener being interengagable between said mounting member and said threaded opening in said base member to detachable affix said base member in said attachment receptacle.

20. (Original Claim) The snow guard assembly of Claim 19 wherein said body member is integrally formed with said brace member and said base member, said body member being oriented on said base member at a non-perpendicular orientation.